

**Amendments to the Specification:**

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**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application claims priority to and benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/440,311, filed on January 15, 2003, entitled: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING HIGH VACUUM REMEDIATION, by inventors Ronny C. Crawford, J. Michael Hawthorne and Gregory A. Ponder [Attorney Docket No. 43751-P001V1].